GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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TELEPHONE FACILITY IN RAJASTHAN
JASWANT SINGH BISHNOI

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Rajasthan which were likely to be provided telephone facilities by M/s Shyam Telelink Limited in the year 2001-2002 under an agreement;

(b) whether the M/s Shyam Telelink Limited has provided telecom facilities to the villages as per the terms and conditions of the agreement;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and action being taken in this regard;

(d) whether all the villages in Jodhpur district of Rajasthan will be provided telecom facilities by the year 2002-2003; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) The 31834 village public telephones were to be provided during first 3 years from the effective date (04-03-1998) as per Licence Agreement.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) M/s Shyam Telelink has not rolled out its services throughout Rajasthan so far. Government has recovered Liquidated Damages (LD) charges for their delay in performance and made it clear that their committed performance obligations cannot be diluted in any case. Government has asked them to complete the unfulfilled committed roll out obligations by December 2002 which will include the provision of telecom facility in villages of Jodhpur district.